

A bill for an act
relating to game and fish; providing restitution values for trophy deer; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.345.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.345, is amended to read:

97A.345 RESTITUTION VALUE OF WILD ANIMALS.

Subdivision 1. Rules. (a) Except for trophy deer restitution values provided in subdivision 2, the commissioner may, by rules adopted under chapter 14, prescribe the dollar value to the state of species of wild animals. The value may reflect the value to other persons to legally take the wild animal, the replacement cost, or the intrinsic value to the state of the wild animals. Species of wild animals with similar values may be grouped together.

(b) The value of a wild animal under subdivision 2 or the rules adopted by the commissioner is prima facie evidence of a wild animal's value under section 97A.341.

(c) The commissioner shall report annually to the legislature the amount of restitution collected under section 97A.341 and the manner in which the funds were expended.

Subd. 2. Trophy deer. (a) The restitution value for trophy deer shall be determined based on the animal's trophy score. The trophy score for deer shall be determined by a member of the Minnesota Official Measurers Club using the scoring system developed by the Boone and Crockett Club.

(b) For typical trophy deer, the following restitution values, based on the Boone and Crockett Club score, are:

(1) 100 or over and less than 120, \$1,001;

(2) 120 or over and less than 140, \$4,000;

2.1 (3) 140 or over and less than 160, \$8,000;

2.2 (4) 160 or over and less than 180, \$16,000;

2.3 (5) 180 or over and less than 200, \$20,000; and

2.4 (6) 200 or over, \$25,000.

2.5 (c) For nontypical trophy deer, the following restitution values, based on the Boone

2.6 and Crockett Club score, are:

2.7 (1) 125 or over and less than 145, \$1,001;

2.8 (2) 145 or over and less than 165, \$4,000;

2.9 (3) 165 or over and less than 185, \$8,000;

2.10 (4) 185 or over and less than 205, \$16,000;

2.11 (5) 205 or over and less than 225, \$20,000; and

2.12 (6) 225 or over, \$25,000.